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German Democratic Republic

REPORT OF CONFERENCE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF HYDROLOGICAL SERVICE IN GDR (7 pp; German; 17 Jul 51)

Comment: None

a report on a conference held 14 July 1951 for the purpose of discussing the establishment of an East German Hydrological Service. The

Among those who attended the conference were representatives of the General Hydrological Planning Office, Research Office for Navigation, Geological and Hydrological Science, Maritime Hydrological Service, Directorate General for Navigation, Geological Service, and Meteorological Service.

The following topics were on the agenda:

- a) Functions of the Hydrological Service
- b) Functions of the Land authorities
- c) Functions of the individual hydrological stations
- d) Utilization of the results of the work
- e) Organization of the network of stations
- f) Submission of a proposal concerning the organizations of the Hydrological Service.

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The organization of the Hydrological Service is to be adapted to that of the already established Weather and Climate Service.

A professional hydrological service unit is to be created, the main tasks of which will be the general supervision of operations, particularly of technical construction and control of the Service, organization and control of the station network, planning, issuing of orders, hydrological publications, and liaison with other ministries. To carry out these tasks the professional service unit is to be assisted by the Main Office for Hydrology and the Offices for Hydrology and Meteorology of the various Laender.

The report further goes into detail concerning the reorganization of the various offices concerned with work similar to that of the Hydrological Service, such as the Research Institute for Navigation and the Meteorological Service.

In the conclusion of the report the following points are emphasized:

1. In order to carry out the hydrological functions required for the fulfillment of the Economic Plan, a Hydrological Service is to be set up as part of the Meteorological Service of the GDR.
2. All GDR institutes engaged in hydrological activities, with the exception of university or academy institutes, are to become part of the Hydrological Service.
3. The Meteorological Service is to be named Meteorological-Hydrological Service of the GDR.
4. The Ministry of the Interior is to give official status to the Meteorological-Hydrological service.

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